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Washington, D.C. – Today, **U.S. Representative Brad Miller (NC-13)** reminds service members that \$324 million in retroactive pay remains available for thousands of troops who were involuntarily kept on duty after September 11, 2001.

Following 9/11, the Department of Defense used a program referred to as "Stop Loss" to ensure it had the troop levels needed to fulfill its obligations. Under "Stop Loss," troops were involuntarily kept on active duty beyond their original discharge date.

Congressman Miller voted for legislation that set aside \$534 million in retroactive pay for these "Stop Loss" service members who were forced to remain on active duty following 9/11. These service members are now eligible to receive \$500 per month for their involuntary service.

So far, more than 100,000 eligible veterans, active duty, guard, and reserve troops haven't

claimed their back pay.

"In many cases our men and women in uniform had tours extended long past the date they expected to be home safely with their families," **Miller** said. "Help me get the word out so all eligible service members can claim the pay they have earned."

All eligible service members can apply for the retroactive pay by going to www.defense.gov/stoploss and submitting an application.

Please feel free to share this information with Veterans in your state to assist in getting the word out to all Veterans who may be eligible for this program.

The deadline to apply for this retroactive pay is October 21, 2010.

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